



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 959**

January Session, 2017

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**AN ACT CONCERNING AN INVENTORY OF THE STATE'S  
BIOSCIENCE EDUCATION PIPELINE.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The chairpersons of the joint  
2 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
3 matters relating to commerce shall appoint and convene a working  
4 group to conduct an inventory of the educational resources available at  
5 public and private institutions of higher education in the state to  
6 prepare students for careers in the bioscience field and make  
7 legislative recommendations to improve and increase the availability  
8 of such resources.

9 (b) Appointments to the working group shall include, but need not  
10 be limited to, representatives from the joint standing committee of the  
11 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to commerce,  
12 the Department of Economic and Community Development,  
13 Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated, the Board of Regents for  
14 Higher Education, the regional community-technical college system,  
15 The University of Connecticut, a private institution of higher  
16 education, and a bioscience industry association. All appointments to  
17 the working group shall be made not later than thirty days after the  
18 effective date of this section.

19 (c) The chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General  
 20 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to commerce shall  
 21 select the chairperson of the working group. The chairperson of the  
 22 working group shall schedule the first meeting of the working group,  
 23 which shall be held not later than sixty days after the effective date of  
 24 this section.

25 (d) Not later than January 15, 2018, the working group shall submit  
 26 a report on the inventory and recommendations pursuant to  
 27 subsection (a) of this section to the joint standing committees of the  
 28 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to commerce  
 29 and higher education, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-  
 30 4a of the general statutes. The working group shall terminate on the  
 31 date that it submits such report or January 15, 2018, whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

**CE**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*